

**FAIR HAVEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
OCTOBER 25, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Halpern at 7:02 p.m. The Flag Salute was led by some members of the Mayor's basketball team followed by a Moment of Silent Reflection. The following Sunshine Law Statement was read:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, PUBLIC MEETINGS MAY BE HELD IN PERSON OR BY MEANS OF COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT TO INCLUDE STREAMING SERVICES AND OTHER ONLINE MEETING PLATFORMS (NJSA 10:4-8(b)).

THIS MEETING IS BEING HELD IN-PERSON AND THROUGH THE ZOOM MEETING PLATFORM, BEING BROADCAST FROM BOROUGH HALL, 748 RIVER ROAD, FAIR HAVEN, NJ. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR THIS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 25, 2021 IS AVAILABLE BY CALL IN PHONE NUMBER OR THROUGH WEB CONFERENCE (ZOOM). MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE ON MUTE UNTIL IT IS TIME FOR QUESTIONS/COMMENTS, WHICH WILL BE ANNOUNCED. AT THAT TIME, THE PUBLIC HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO QUESTION/COMMENT BY PHONE OR THROUGH ZOOM BY THE "RAISE HAND" BUTTON AND WILL BE CALLED ON AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME.

NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS INCLUDED IN A SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS WHICH WAS ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION NO. 2021-13 AND SENT TO THE ASBURY PARK PRESS, THE TWO RIVER TIMES, THE HUB AND THE STAR LEDGER ON JANUARY 7, 2021 POSTED ON THE BOROUGH WEBSITE, THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND HAS REMAINED CONTINUOUSLY POSTED AS REQUIRED UNDER THE STATUTE.

WITH ADEQUATE NOTICE HAVING BEEN GIVEN, THE BOROUGH CLERK IS DIRECTED TO INCLUDE THIS STATEMENT IN THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING.

ROLL CALL

On Roll Call the following were present: Councilmembers Koch, McCue, Neff and Rodriguez. Absent: Councilwomen Chrisner-Keefe and McCabe. Others present: Administrator Casagrande, Attorney Cannon, Engineer Gardella and Chief McGovern.

CEREMONIAL OATH OF OFFICE

A ceremonial Oath of Office was administered to Joshua Halpern by his brother, Jakob, while his wife, Nicole and children, Zach and Lily held the Bible.

Mayor Halpern, made the following statement:

He thanked everyone in the audience and on Zoom for attending. He thanked his wife, Nicole (now known as the First Lady of Fair Haven), and children Zack and Lily. He thanked his brother Jake for swearing him in and his parents for their unconditional support since he was born. He recognized the kids that he has coached and watched grow over the years. He acknowledged Andy Trocchia, Liz Slavin, Sheri D'Angelo, Jon Peters and the Republican Committee for considering him for this role and the entire Council for their confidence in him to be Mayor and work with them to improve the Borough. Everyone has been so welcoming and have helped him "get up to speed"; he looks forward to working with everyone. He acknowledged and thanked Administrator Casagrande, Borough Clerk Cinquegrana, Engineer Gardella, Parks and Recreation Director Breckenridge, Betty Ann Berube and the entire Borough staff and looks forward to working with everyone to continue to move the Borough forward. In the last week has met with Chief McGovern, Chief Countryman, Nancy Medrow, and Superintendent McNeil; Fair Haven is in very good hands.

A proclamation will be read, shortly, declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The color is purple represents domestic violence, and some have incorporated this color into their wardrobe this evening. Purple is the combination of the colors red and blue which are colors used to identify Republicans and Democrats. As Mayor, the goal is that the Council strive to set an example for this community in the way of working together. There will be many healthy debates in the future, that circle around curbs and sidewalks, buildings, pocket parks, trees, and the like, which are important in making our mighty little Borough a magical place to live. Ultimately, these are not our greatest resources; the people of Fair Haven are more valuable than any building material or ordinance. The passion of this community is unmatched and undisputed. We are a melting pot of long-time residents, COVID transplants and everyone in between that choose to live here because of the humanity and together-ness we encounter on a daily basis.

As Mayor, I intend to do governing on the dais with the emphasis on listening to the

constituents. I hope to make everyone proud and thank everyone for the opportunity to serve the community.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Halpern read a proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

WORKSHOP SESSION

Administrator Casagrande, said, with regard to the 2021 Best Practices Inventory, the State of New Jersey instituted a survey that every municipality must participate in. There are different sets of questions each year that the Borough has to answer which lets the State know where we are “hitting the mark” and where we need to improve. Some questions we get points for, and others are unscored surveys. The total points scored are tied to State Financial Aid to be given or withheld. If a municipality scores over 15 points, they receive full state aid; Fair Haven scored 21.5 points. The governing body was provided with a copy of the questions, our answers and the scored result. Administrator Casagrande thanked CFO Colleen Lapp and Allyson Cinquegrana for their assistance in the preparations of the inventory which has been submitted to the State. Motion to approve the 2021 Best Practices Inventory moved by Councilman Rodriguez, second by Councilwoman Koch with Ayes by all present.

The 2022 leaf and brush schedule was listed and discussed at the last meeting and carried to this meeting. A handout was provided showing the current schedule. If the governing body were thinking of changing the number of pick-ups, it could be problematic from a staffing perspective. Changing the months around would not be an issue. Councilwoman Neff asked if there was flexibility to move to March from another month; yes. We usually do not pick-up in July. A few years ago, the governing body decided to move brush to July and not do it in March. The schedule is weather dependent and is never a sure thing; it is a matter of opinion on when to pick up. Councilwoman Koch said the schedule should remain, as is, and the Brush Committee could meet and come up with a recommended schedule for 2023. Councilman McCue said he and Councilwoman Koch discussed this and felt it should be left, as is, for this year. Councilwoman Neff agreed, but asked that the Borough be flexible based on weather, storms, etc. Councilman McCue said March was on the radar because residents like to do spring trimming and clean ups. Engineer Gardella said March would be suitable to the residents for early spring clean-up however it can snow which has happened in past years. July can work as a “swing month” as well. The weather is truly Mother Nature dependent. We can’t add a month to the pick-up schedule. From a calendar standpoint, stay with what we have. Changes can be announced through the website, Constant Contact, etc. Engineer Gardella liked the idea of reassessing the schedule for 2023. Overbrook Farms (leaf disposal site for the past 15-20 years) was shut down by the NJDEP and an alternate site did not receive its approvals. There is a Plan B. Councilman Rodriguez liked Councilwoman Koch’s idea to have the Brush Committee review for 2023; weather will be factored in (we should be flexible). Motion to approve the 2022 schedule, as is, moved by Councilwoman Neff, second by Councilman Rodriguez with Ayes by all present.

With regard to LED Street Lighting, Administrator Casagrande advised Councilwoman Neff is the liaison to Environmental Commission and she will speak to this topic. Councilwoman Neff advised that Fair Haven has 249 streetlights; 49 are incandescent lights and the others are a mix of sodium or mercury lights. For the last year, the Environmental Commission tested LED lights at intersections, as an option, and liked them because they fit in well with our needs; they are environmentally friendly requiring less energy. It is recommended that LED lights become the replacement for lights that burn out. Administrator Casagrande thanked Ralph Wyndrum, Environmental Commission Chairman, for spearheading this and for going to the Board of Public Utilities regarding cost factors; he is an asset to the Environmental Commission and Green Team. She will send a letter to JCP&L to have burned out lights replaced with LEDs.

Mayor Halpern said that a Special Meeting date needs to be decided for discussion on the bids we will receive for the Improvements to Hance Road and Cooney Terrace, Phase II. We will also be awarding a bid that evening as the deadline to award is November 21, 2021. The dates of November 15th, 16th and 18th are available for the meeting (either in person or via Zoom); this is also the week of the Annual League of Municipalities Convention. The Mayor said November 15th is the best date for him. The consensus of Council was to hold a Special Meeting on Monday, November 15th.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

The meeting was opened to the public for comments or questions at 7:26 p.m. Marti Egger, Hance Road, asked Engineer Gardella why he was on Hance Road last week. She was advised that as part of the final field work, he had to take measurements for the bid specification. Mrs. Egger asked if there is anything new that would affect the residents, in anyway. Engineer Gardella said no, it was a follow up to help prepare the drawings as we have done for other projects.

Tracy Cole, Grange Avenue, asked what the Special Meeting date will be; November 15th p.m. The Borough Clerk asked if it would be via Zoom or in-person and the time of the meeting. It will be via Zoom and begin at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Cole asked about the route being used to access the brush grinding site for the grind. Chief McGovern said the contractor will be using less trucks and will take Cedar Avenue to Third Street to William Street. The trucks cannot make the turn from Fair Haven Road so they will be using this route to avoid damaging resident’s properties. The contractor has worked in Fair Haven before and is aware of the school schedule. Mrs. Cole asked for an alternate to that. The trucks cannot make the turn onto Hendrickson Place without driving on the property at the corner. There will be much less trucks and runs and it should be a sleek operation this time around; the owner and his employees will handle the grind and hauling. Mrs. Cole said the route is a concern as far as access to the brush site, the school children, walkers, and bikers. Mayor Halpern thanked Chief McGovern for the explanation and thanked Tracy Cole for her interest in public safety and safety for the residents.

Ruth Blaser, River Road, via Zoom, said the town should be run at the convenience of the citizens because of the taxes that are paid. DPW should pick up brush and leaves in a certain area the same time every month. She requested a zone to pick up everything at the same time i.e. brush, leaves, trash and bulk pick up. Having the pick-ups more often does not help the leaves drop any faster. Mrs. Blaser gave an example of what North Carolina (where her son resides) does to be resident friendly while providing tax decreases. Their residents call the DPW for help and get the services they need. The Mayor thanked her for her comments and time. A committee is looking into improving the schedule. We do have a fiscal responsibility to the residents, as well.

Claudia Brady, Fair Haven Road, said she missed the answer as to when the Hance/Cooney plans will be posted. She was advised the plans will be posted when finalized. The bid will be advertised in Friday’s Asbury Park Press so it will be available then.

There being no further comments or questions, the meeting was closed to the public at 7:36 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve the Executive Session Meeting minutes of October 12, 2021, second by Councilwoman Koch

Affirmative: Councilmembers Koch, McCue, Neff and Rodriguez
Negative: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Councilwomen Chrisner-Keefe and McCabe

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve the Special Meeting minutes of October 18, 2021, second by Councilwoman Koch

Affirmative: Councilmembers Koch, McCue, Neff and Rodriguez
Negative: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Councilwomen Chrisner-Keefe and McCabe

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business brought before the governing body.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Committee Reports

Finance - Councilwoman Neff reported that there is nothing new. The Finance Committee met and there is a better understanding of budget planning for future years which included discussion on the 3-year plan. A multi-year plan is better for the needs of the Borough. There was a meeting with a department head and there will be future meetings with other department heads to develop a broader view for the needs of the Borough.

Personnel – In Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe’s absence, Councilwoman Koch advised there is nothing new to report.

Planning & Zoning - Councilwoman Koch reported that on October 21st the Zoning Board held its joint meeting with Council on Land Use Ordinances and Development in town. There was good conversation and resident’s personal experiences were shared. The information received will be used for future discussions by the Land Use Committee. The next Zoning Board meeting will be held on November 4th via Zoom. The October Planning Board meeting was cancelled due to lack of an agenda so the next Planning Board meeting will be held November 16th, in person.

Parks and Recreation and Communications - Councilwoman Koch reported the Annual Halloween Egg Hunt and Parade was held on October 24th; there was a huge turn out and it was a success. The Halloween decorating contest is back. Residents can nominate their home or a resident’s home to be part of the judging. Judging will take place at the end of this week. The curfew for Mischief Night (October 30th) will be 6 pm and Halloween night is 8 pm. The next Recreation Committee meeting will be November 9th via Zoom; it was moved from November 2nd because of the General Election.

Police, Fire & OEM - Councilman McCue advised there was nothing new to report. Councilwoman Koch advised of the Mischief Night and Halloween curfews. The police department will be out patrolling on Mischief Night to be sure everyone is safe.

Engineering and DPW – Councilman McCue reported that a lot has been covered already regarding brush and the brush site (schedule, route). Our contractor is waiting on a part for the tub grinder before starting. He lives near the brush site and Third Street is wider and easier to maneuver the contractor vehicles. The process will be monitored to get to the best solution for the future.

Borough Facilities - Councilman Rodriguez congratulated the Mayor. Last week there was a two-hour Facility Committee session. He thanked the professionals and volunteers on this Committee and welcomed Mayor Halpern to the Committee. He said that he co-chairs this committee with Councilman McCue. There was a review of the requirements and requests from our Architect. There is a need to resolve matters before the bid specifications are put out. The Facilities Committee has been holding bi-weekly meetings and one of the items discussed is an Owner’s Representative needed to help us manage the projects. It is a full-time job to build a building let alone two buildings and Engineer Gardella is extremely busy with his full-time job responsibilities and all that it encompasses. The Facilities Committee is looking for the right fit and is continuing the interview process. The Committee expects advancement on a bi-weekly basis and reports will be provided to the entire governing body at Council meetings.

CONSENT AGENDA
RESOLUTIONS

- 1. Resolution No. 2021-232, Executive Session - Contract Negotiations

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings, P. L. 1975, Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body may wish to discuss the following matters:

Contract Negotiations

- 1. Facility Project Consulting Services

WHEREAS, minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then the minutes can be made public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the public be excluded from this meeting.

Offered for adoption by Councilman Rodriguez, second by Councilwoman Koch

Affirmative: Councilmembers Koch, McCue, Neff and Rodriguez

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilwomen Chrisner-Keefe and McCabe

- 2. Resolution No. 2021-233, Approve Fire Department Social Membership - Kathleen Walsh

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Fair Haven that Kathleen Walsh, 22 Heights, Fair Haven, NJ having been duly accepted as a social member of the Fair Haven Volunteer Fire Co., is hereby appointed to the Fair Haven Fire Department.

Offered for adoption by Councilman Rodriguez, second by Councilwoman Koch

Affirmative: Councilmembers Koch, McCue, Neff and Rodriguez

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilwomen Chrisner-Keefe and McCabe

3. Resolution No. 2021-234, Chapter 159: Body Worn Camera Grant

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any such items of revenue in the Budget of the County or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Fair Haven has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$52,988.00 from the Department of Justice for a Body Worn Camera Fund and wishes to amend its 2021 budget to include this amount as revenue; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Haven, New Jersey hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget for the year 2021 in the amount of \$52,988.00 which item is now available as revenue from:

Department of Justice
Body Worn Camera Fund

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$52,988.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of General Appropriations – Operations Excluded from CAPS:

Department of Justice
Body Worn Camera Fund

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk forward two copies of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

Offered for adoption by Councilman Rodriguez, second by Councilwoman Koch

Affirmative: Councilmembers Koch, McCue, Neff and Rodriguez
Negative: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Councilwomen Chrisner-Keefe and McCabe

4. Resolution No. 2021-235, Appoint PT School Crossing Guards: Sergio Germinario and Nancy Carter

WHEREAS, Sergio Germinario and Nancy Carter have worked as Permanent School Crossing Guards for the Fair Haven Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Germinario and Mrs. Carter have each requested to move to the position of part-time School Crossing Guard; and

WHEREAS, Chief Joseph McGovern has recommended that the requested change in employment status from permanent to part-time School Crossing Guard be made.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Fair Haven that Sergio Germinario and Nancy Carter are hereby appointed as a part-time School Crossing Guards with an hourly salary of \$15.75 effective October 26, 2021.

Offered for adoption by Councilman Rodriguez, second by Councilwoman Koch

Affirmative: Councilmembers Koch, McCue, Neff and Rodriguez
Negative: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Councilwomen Chrisner-Keefe and McCabe

5. Resolution No. 2021-236, Payment of Vouchers

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Fair Haven that the vouchers listed for payment on the October 25, 2021 Bill List are hereby approved and the Finance Department is hereby authorized to release payment to the various vendors.

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| 2020 CURRENT ACCOUNT | \$ | 16,936.78 |
| 2021 CURRENT ACCOUNT | \$ | 239,970.36 |

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| GRANT FUND | \$ 1,050.00 |
| OTHER TRUST | \$ 4,167.34 |
| DOG TRUST | \$ 550.00 |
| | \$ 262,674.48 |
| LESS VOIDED CHECKS | \$ - 14,070.04 |
| TOTAL | \$ 248,604.44 |

Current Check No. 61852, \$14,070.04

Offered for adoption by Councilman Rodriguez, second by Councilwoman Koch

Affirmative: Councilmembers Koch, McCue, Neff and Rodriguez

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilwomen Chrisner-Keefe and McCabe

Reports of Departments

September 2021

-Police Department

-Budget Status

Motion to accept the reports, as submitted, moved by Councilman Rodriguez, second by Councilwoman Koch with Ayes by all present.

GOOD OF THE BOROUGH

Mayor Halpern opened the meeting to the public for comments or questions at 7:45 p.m. Alyse Dermer, Dermer Dreams, advised that at the last Council meeting they were approved for lawn signs and a banner at the entrance to Fair Haven from Red Bank advertising their Annual Food Drive. She requested permission to place a banner at Fair Haven Fields from November 1st through November 21st. The banner is vinyl and approximately 3 feet X 15 feet. Councilwoman Koch advised that their food drive may not get exposure if it is displayed near the fields. Councilman Rodriguez suggested placing the banner on Ridge Road vs having it in the fields. Mrs. Dermer was advised to speak with DJ Breckenridge, Director of Parks and Recreation regarding banner placement on Ridge Road for three weeks. Councilman McCue asked Engineer Gardella if there would be a problem having the banner in the location discussed as far as DPW mowing and leaf blowing; Engineer Gardella said there is no problem, and he will coordinate it with DJ.

Susan O'Brien, River Road, said that as part of NJAW's water main project, they are placing markers for water mains. She said that she has two water main connections at her house (one that runs down her driveway for her neighbor); she sent an e-mail to the project per Constant Contact and spoke with a representative to let them know. She was concerned that they only marked one line in her driveway and wanted to be sure that her neighbor will be given the appropriate line that is needed for service and hook up. Administrator Casagrande asked Mrs. O'Brien to email the concern to her and she will forward the information to the right person. It was noted that the JCP&L message sent via Constant Contact stated the information was for Storm Isaias which was the last storm we had. Mayor Halpern thanked Mrs. O'Brien for her time.

Tracy Cole, Grange Avenue, asked about Engineer Gardella having the Hance Road and Cooney Terrace plans done by the end of this week. Yes, and we will post the plan on the website. The Borough Clerk said that only the plan will be posted, not full bid specification because a record is kept of who was provided copies of the bid packet should there be a need for an addendum, or we need to provide additional information to the prospective bidder. Regarding the police department building, she assumed that what was presented some time ago was an "in process" set of plans and said they were not complete as far as elevation. Councilman Rodriguez advised that the facility plan is unchanged since the capital discussion. Mrs. Cole felt the plan is unresolved and needed to be changed. Mrs. Cole said that she would like to see how the building is designed (facade, materials to be used) because it is a concern. Councilman Rodriguez asked Mrs. Cole to reach out to him as he thought she was inquiring about the topography of the land not the facade. The drawings have not been revised since the last presentation. Mrs. Cole asked when the Halloween judging will take place; at the end of this week and will be judged by members of the Recreation Committee.

Councilwoman Koch said she was remiss about the Halloween Parade by not thanking the Police Department, Fire Department, First Responders, Ladies Auxiliary and the marching band who helped make the event happen.

Claudia Brady, Fair Haven Road, asked if at the November 8th Council Meeting the Council could provide some focus or an update on the plans for the pocket parks. She listened to the October 21st Special Zoning/Council meeting which was phenomenal and one of the topics that came up was

about how to receive more open communication from the residents. There were various committees and subcommittees that were involved in the meeting. She suggested that the Borough create one e-mail as a source for residents to feed their suggestions to. The status of fixing the slides at the Community Center Park was requested. Administrator Casagrande advised the slide itself cannot be replaced; we need to replace the whole unit due to its age. The Borough needs the Recreation Committee to make a recommendation for the new type of playground equipment and it can be a capital item expenditure. The unit can be replaced now and moved when the new police department is built. Mrs. Brady said the slide became a community topic via social media and she asked if the process can be sped up to replace a standard piece of equipment. Councilwoman Neff said the Borough has the ability to replace items, we just need a recommendation from Recreation so the governing body can vote on it. This was an unexpected break, but we can have the equipment replaced as a capital item. Councilwoman Koch asked if the Parks and Recreation Director can send the final piece of equipment and cost to Administrator Casagrande since the Recreation Committee is on board. Administrator Casagrande said that DJ can submit what has been decided on and the authorization can go on the next agenda for Council consideration, and then it can be ordered; we are not sure where this type of equipment falls under the supply chain.

Ruth Blaser, River Road, asked what the plans are for cleaning up McCarter and Schwenker Ponds; she said there is scum on Schwenker and the trees that surround it are dropping leaves. Councilwoman Neff said the Environmental Commission had recommended hydro raking McCarter Pond and asked Administrator Casagrande where we are in the process of receiving quotes or bids for next year. We had a bio treatment done this year. The Environmental Commission was asked to firm up a plan and suggestion for Schwenker Pond. Mrs. Blaser felt Schwenker Pond is seen more than McCarter Pond and needs to be addressed first. She asked if the residents ever send letters to the governing body; yes. She said years ago, correspondence was read at the Council Meeting; she felt written and e-mail correspondence should be included as a section on the agenda, so all know what is being commented on and questioned. Mayor Halpern said not all want their private correspondences and letters read aloud to everyone. He did not feel that it would be beneficial or realistic at this point. He thanked Mrs. Blaser for her time and comments.

Melissa Fahoury, William Street, suggested, for better and improved communication that a quick video be made and posted by someone in the Borough with a synopsis of what is happening each week so everyone can see it; this could help with getting everyone engaged more. Another tool would be to post it on Facebook so that the Borough would be able to see how many views the posts are getting and how many people are being reached. The Borough website does not seem to get as many people looking at the information. If posted on Facebook, then people can share it to the various Facebook groups. Mayor Halpern said this was a nice suggestion, but he is not sure we have the electronic means to do it or the technical capability. Opportunities can be discussed; we want to communicate with the community as much as we can and inform everyone of the decisions and goings on in the Borough. It is a matter of timing and capability.

Councilwoman Neff said the video idea is difficult to make happen. She has shared with Councilmembers her strong feeling that there be a way to communicate through a slide presentation for the Finance Committee, Personnel, Planning/Zoning and Parks with 3 bullet points, takeaways and suggestions which will help with visualization of what we are doing. Mayor Halpern asked Councilwoman Neff if she is suggesting this happen before or after the committee meeting is held. If available, before the meeting; it would be nice to scroll through the presentation and she suggested we look at the Council Committees publishing minutes of their meetings showing who was there, key topics and six bullet points with what happened at the meeting. Attorney Cannon advised that it would be difficult to administer as there are confidential items pertaining to Personnel and Finance and it would be a matter of who would weed through the information and decide. Administrator Casagrande said that the committees can share notes with the Council, but not broadcast it. Councilwoman Neff felt the minutes/notes could be used as a reference, so everyone knows what took place. It would be nice to have a large screen to project information on so everyone can see it.

Ms. Fahoury said that the employee can read from the agenda, so the public knows what is coming up for the meeting. People are more likely to watch a video and listen to someone read them the agenda so they can decide if they want to "attend" the meeting. The recording can be done through an i-Phone

Councilwoman Koch reported that the Green Team with Fair Haven Soccer will be hosting a clean-up day this Saturday, October 30th at Fair Haven Fields. Administrator Casagrande advised the Green Team that we would help them share the information, so everyone is aware. The public can help with the clean-up if they choose. Administrator Casagrande said these types of initiatives help the Borough get credit toward our Clean Communities Grant (we count the hours, bags of trash, etc. and submit the report to the State).

Councilman McCue thanked the Green Team for setting up the Fair Haven Fields clean up event. The Green Team participated in a meeting with Sustainable NJ this past week and he appreciated their help and input. A lot of information was received and there are grants coming up. There is the Gardinier Grant that was reported on at the last Council meeting; the Borough could get financial assistance for Bicentennial Hall. For the police facility, there are Pay to Plug In grants available depending on the plan we go with. The Green Team hosted a Bike to School day which was held on October 20th.

There being no further comments or questions, the meeting was closed to the public at 8:18 p.m.

Council went into executive session at 8:21 p.m. and this meeting was reconvened at 8:46 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn moved by Councilman Rodriguez, second by Councilman McCue with Ayes by all present.

Time of Adjournment: 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Allyson M. Cinquegrana, RMC/CMR
Borough Clerk